

South Kentuckian.

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HOPKINSVILLE, DEC. 20, 1881.

The Legislature adjourned Saturday to meet again Jan. 3. There is no probability of the body thus far is good.

Mr. E. M. Browder has severed his connection with the Russellville Messenger and gone to Montgomery, Ala., to live.

Our friends are the managers of the Atlanta Exposition for an invitation to be present on Editor's day, Dec. 20.

Ex Senator F. G. Frothingham's nomination has been confirmed by the Senate as Secretary of State, to succeed Blaine.

Secretaries Reed and Phillips, like President Arthur, are unmarried. The three will keep bachelor's hall at the White House for the present.

Professor General Thos. L. James has sent in his resignation to the President, to take effect at the end of the year.

The grave of ex-President Tyler in the old cemetery at Richmond, Va., has been for years unmarked by a single stone. Steps are being taken to erect a suitable shaft over his dust.

The invitation to the Kentucky Press Association to visit the Atlanta exposition came too late to be accepted by the members, with the exception of a few in Frankfort and adjoining towns.

From reading the last number of the Rikton Register one would suppose that the editors were away and that the paper was gotten out by the office devil. There was hardly a paragraph in the paper that didn't have half a dozen errors in it.

The State constitution has been made to accord with the United States constitution by the striking out, by the Legislature, of the word "white" in the section laying down the qualifications of jurors.

The office of the Daily News, of Paducah, was destroyed by fire a few days since. The loss was about \$10,000 partly covered by insurance. The paper will be revived as soon as another office can be bought and fitted up. The paper was owned by Messrs. Ballard & Thompson.

There have been no new developments in the A. M. Clark case. Clark, Henry and Woolford are the leading candidates. It seems that some of the daily papers ought to have gotten up a correct statement of the county conventions by this time, but even the great Courier-Journal has neglected to inform its readers on the subject.

Col. S. I. M. Major, of the Frankfort Yeoman was nominated Public Printer in the Democratic caucus last Wednesday, on the fourth ballot. The final ballot stood Major 53 and Gaines 42 votes. Major B. Gaines of the Paducah Enterprise, although he was defeated made a strong fight and was beaten by only a few votes. Col. Major has held the position for several years.

Mr. L. T. Filipp, late of Sinking Fork, this county, has become associate editor of the Princeton Banner. Mr. Filipp has for the last two or three years been engaged in teaching school in this county, and was at one time a correspondent of the South Kentuckian over the nom de plume of "Waymond."

The following decision of the post-office department will put a stop to the advertising supplements in newspapers:

Washington, Dec. 11.—Acting Postmaster General Hutton, announcing the ruling that no supplement containing any advertisement whatever, can be allowed in the mails at second class rates, unless the publisher makes an affidavit that the same rates are paid for advertisements in the supplement as for those in the body of the paper itself.

As long as the young man of the State news column of the Courier-Journal confined himself to harmless, witless jokes, we regarded his criticisms with indifference, only pitying their author, but when he accuses us of appropriating items from his column, he handles the truth with a reckless profligacy which is unwarranted and inexcusable. Our State items are culled from the same exchanges that his are, hence their similarity.

W. K. P. A.

Editors and publishers who have not notified us of their intention to attend the Frankfort meeting of the W. K. P. A., Jan. 12, are again requested to do so on time. We already have assurance that newspapers will be represented. Mr. C. P. Amore, agent of the L. & N. and Mr. H. J. Horton, agent of the E. & W. railroad, have both kindly offered to extend the courtesies of their lines. Members wanting passes will apply to the former at Louisville, or the latter at Elizabethtown. Passes will also be sold to those who notify the Secretary of their intention to attend with a view of joining the association. A list of the members of the body has been sent to the gentlemen alive named. The names of all applicants for membership, that are sent us, will also be forwarded and they can procure passes by writing to Mr. Amore or Mr. Horton.

NONSENSE.

Speaking of philosophers, isn't David Davis a Ch-n-o-t-a?

The White House, like this sacred sanctuary, is now a bachelor's hall.

We do not get the Congressional Record. Are we to be pilled or curried?

This is to certify that the over-sign of read all of the President's message. Who else besides proof readers can say as much?

Grey Woolson calls Tip Bradford the "haunting" end of the Messenger and Examiner firm.

The Cadiz Telephone will be issued next week. Fortunately for the editor, the press boys can't. McKinney puns on his name.

Persons who contemplate sending us Christmas presents through the mails, exceeding ten dollars in value, can have them registered at our expense.

It is hard for the boys who attend the theatre to see their sweethearts believe that they go out "to see a man," when the curtain drops.

As the first day of the new year will be Sunday we will "receive" on the following day, Monday Jan. 2. We hope all of our friends will call upon us that day and bring \$1.50 to subscribe for the South Kentuckian.

"According to a long established custom there will be no paper next week," will be the announcement made in the one-horse papers this week. Of course the South Kentuckian, the Courier-Journal and other leading papers will be issued as usual.

When the Diet of Worms was called in 1521 to test the religion of Martin Luther, the great Reformer boldly vindicated his opinions and came out victorious; but the Christian of to-day whose religion stands the test before the same tribunal, which exists in Luther's church, is a greater man than Luther.

The President has nominated Benj. H. Brewster, of Philadelphia, to be Attorney General.

STATE NEWS.

Cassville is to have a new town charter.

B. G. Alford is the new post-master at Stanton.

The Enterprise says Paducah sends out 99 duncans.

The editor of the Franklin Patriot has been presented with a pipe.

There were 224 deaths in Louisville during the month ending Dec. 3.

Bowling Green is making a big effort to get graded public schools.

There are 367,163 voters in Kentucky. Of these 54,642 are colored.

There are a few men in Crittenden county, who are not candidates for office.

The illness of the editor caused the State Sentinel to be suspended two weeks.

The Reporter complains that the young men of Henderson misbehave in church.

The Mayfield Monitor knows of half a dozen candidates for Congress in the First District.

The trial of Alsop, for the murder of constable Harrison, is in progress at Louisville.

The State Sentinel has come over on the common sense side, and adopted the cash system.

The Messenger and Examiner says Overdone sends out 21 duncans from her wholesale houses.

Chas. Barker, of Auburn, who was attending school at Franklin died to death at the nose last week.

The Philothesia Journal, published by the young ladies of Franklin College, is the latest thing out.

Two negro boys were playing with a gun at Russellville, when it was discharged with the usual result.

Jerry Ansbrosius was shot by an unknown assassin and instantly killed, while sitting in his house in Simpson county.

The Courier-Journal says 130,000 hogs were killed in Louisville this season, a decrease of 50 per cent from last year.

W. F. Ward, a farmer, was shot and killed by Herbert Morrow a boy 18 years old, at Russellville. Cause unknown.

The Press says Mr. Horning and Miss Conger were married in Crittenden county, on horseback in the road, last week.

The Echo says the public schools are closed every day from ten till eleven o'clock in order to let the children attend a protracted meeting.

Jos. Warford was shot and killed by Alex. Shirley esq., at Eminence, about a negro woman. Warford was a white man of Shelby county.

J. S. Machen, of Edgelyville, Ky., a drummer for J. M. Robinson & Co's. dry goods house, Louisville, turned up \$2,500 short in his accounts last week. He confessed that he lost the money playing poker.

Mr. Sam. A. Smith, of Ness county, Kansas, showed us the other day, a Boston Gazette, of March 19th, 1770. It is a small three column paper, and quite a curiosity. Among other things, it contains an account of the Boston massacre, and gives a short sketch of those who were slain. It has a cut with four coffins, on each of which is a skull and bones and the initials of the person who was buried in it. This old paper, besides being a curiosity, is an interesting relic of a by gone age. —[Echo.]

Green, the coalition candidate for mayor of Boston, had Palmer, Democrat, by 182 votes. Green is a Republican. About 37,000 votes were cast.

GENERAL NEWS.

Beth will have a World's Fair in 1885.

Orange, N. J. had a \$30,000 fire last week.

Martin Pickett, murderer, will hang Jan. 20, at New Madrid, Mo.

Sebastian Seibert was killed by the cars, at Oil City, Pa.

John Brown, aged 18, fell on a saw at Atlanta, and was killed.

J. C. Baneroff Davis has been appointed Ass't Secretary of State.

Four men were drowned by the upsetting of a skiff at Charleston, W. Va.

New York has a police force of 2,600. Philadelphia has 2,000, and Chicago 425.

Richard Jennings was lynched at Austin, Tex., for the murder of Jan. A. Barrell.

J. P. Coates, a son of the thread manufacturer, was killed by the cars at Lacrosse, Wis.

The Grand Opera House at Columbus, Ohio, was burned last week. Loss \$15,000.

Wm. McAmish while drunk was run over and killed by the cars, at Knoxville, Tenn.

Three little sons of John Johnson broke through the ice at Manitowish, Wis., and were drowned.

Three editors of newspapers have been excommunicated at Madrid, Spain, for attacking the clergy.

A wealthy colored man named Woods, was murdered and robbed in Jackson, Mo. No clues.

George Washington is in the Nashville penitentiary for ten years, for house-breaking and larceny.

The Virginia Readjusters in caucus nominated H. H. Riddleberger for the U. S. Senate, to succeed J. W. Johnston.

W. A. Stone and Prof. McIntyre of Cass county, Tex., were drowned while crossing the bayou at Shreveport, La., in a frail canoe.

The Tobacco Leaf says: Nick Hamilton tried to beat his way through a toll-gate near Clarksville, and W. J. Phillips, the gate keeper shot and killed him.

A boarding house in Pittsburgh burned, and sixteen out of forty men who were sleeping in the lobby were destroyed before they could make their escape through the one small window.

At Morristown, Tenn., twelve young men went to the house of Mrs. Winchester, killed her, outraged her son and grand-daughters and then burned the house. None of them were captured.

Misses Mary and Louisa Means, married ladies, aged 33 and 39 years, were outraged and murdered by the Molly Maguires, at Greenburg, Pa. The ladies were a daughter.

Mrs. Belle Karas, a wealthy of the clerk of the courts, and the belle of Westmoreland county, was instantly killed by the Johnstown express at Latrobe, Pa., last evening. She had just been married to Robt. Karas a few hours before, and the pair were starting on a wedding tour. —[E.]

Taxation for Turnpikes.

[For the South Kentuckian.]

As the columns of the South Kentuckian are kindly opened for the discussion of the important question of taxation for turnpikes, I beg leave to present the views of one portion at least of the opponents of such taxation.

CONSTITUTIONAL OBJECTION.

The Bill of Rights of our Constitution declares: "Absolute arbitrary power over the life, liberty and property of a freeman exists nowhere, not even in the largest monarchies. The right to property is sacred and beyond all constitutional sanction. No private property shall be taken for public use without due compensation to the owner." (I quote from memory.)

The proper meaning of tax, is a charge laid upon the person or property of a citizen for governmental purposes. It is legitimate to levy taxes for courts, jails and penitentiaries; for salaries for necessary officers, for providing any facilities which are requisite for the performance of the functions of government, to punish criminals, to protect peace and order, to adjudge upon the rights of individuals according to settled principles of equity and law. A tax for common schools is demanded upon the ground, that a certain degree of intelligence in the exercise of the elective franchise, is absolutely necessary to the preservation of our government, and that it is the duty of the State, in self defense, to furnish education as a means of acquiring that intelligence, at least to the extent of common schools. Massachusetts carries this logic so far as to deny the right of suffrage to any one who is unable to read the Constitution in the English language.

Apply these principles to the question under discussion. Is it pretended that turnpikes are necessary to the preservation of peace and order, to the protection of the private rights of individuals, to the performance of any function of the government? No. On the contrary it is undeniably avowed that the enforced contribution, which cannot in any sense be called a governmental tax, is for the benefit of the pecuniary interests of Hopkingsville, to prevent a rival town from absorbing a portion of her trade. This is a plain statement of the point, and without going into any elaborate argument, or quotation from antiques or jurists, we deny upon the authority of our constitution, that the power to levy contributions upon the property of a freeman to build up the trade of any town, exists anywhere, not even in the largest monarchies. We say such an imposition is a wrong, and that the wrong is aggravated if it is effected by the agency of those who bear part of the burden, either from the lack of property to be taxed, or from having peculiar charters, or from having by which their property is exonerated.

A FALSE CHARGE.

The charge, because we stand upon the Constitution of our State in preference to the rights of private property, that we have a property qualification for the elective franchise is a weak falter. Our government is a Representative Republic, not an

ATTENTION UNBECOMING.

Our representatives and officials have to do with the rights of the poor as well as the rich. Besides the taxing power of the government extends in charge upon the person as well as property. This charge in time of war is made when citizens are called as soldiers into the field, and upon many a battle field, the poor man has displayed as much heroism and devotion in his government, or more than the rich. In time of peace, this charge is made in the shape of a poll tax, and the poorest citizen is liable to be summoned as a posse, to quell a riot, or to suppress a rebellion, or to enforce the laws of the government. We therefore hold that the right of the poor is as absolute as that of the rich, to vote in the election of every officer, and that the majority of all affairs of government is entitled to the same consideration, and we endorse the opinions of the Ape's of Democracy, both as to the limitation of powers of government and the natural and individual right of the freeman of political equality. These are our views, and in no sense are ready to be vindicated by argument and authority; but for the dignified use of the epithet Bourgeois, the usual resource of narrow minds we have only contempt.

OUR FEELINGS.

We wish to use no harsh terms, but may be well for Hopkingsville to know that the tax-payers of the county are not the only ones who have indignation at her proposition to levy contributions upon us, for the benefit of her trade, and who will bear no part of a burden; and so help us God, we will fight to the bitter end, the introduction into our county, of the tactics of the infamous carpet baggers of the South, and with the words "colony" and "internal improvement," emblazoned on their banners, while the school funds, and riot in taxes wrong from the people.

A FARMER.

CASEY.

Rev. M. A. Maxey is at Bettens-town this week. He preached his farewell sermon there last Sunday.

Walter Garrett, that prince of good fellows, came out to the Station Friday to see his patients.

Clarence Kennedy paid the Station a brief visit a few days ago. He killed a few birds with one stone, attended court with Will Boyles and then went to see his girl.

Mr. Hecht, the old German shoe-maker who died Wednesday was buried Thursday at the Whitlow farm.

Too poor scribbler, weepeth and waileth because his dearly beloved South Kentuckian failed to come last Tuesday.

There are three or four negro mokes who walk the railway track near the Station every night, shouting and cursing, all of which is a disgrace to a civilized community. Is there no one to enforce the laws?

Since the marriage of John Willis, Porter Peyton mourns in sack cloth and ashes. It was reported last week that he was seriously thinking of cutting a convert and devoting the rest of his life to meditation and prayer.

William Whitlow who was seven years on the knee by a from Jase a week ago, is resting comfortably, and no fears are entertained of his speedy and safe recovery.

Mrs. Metcalfe and Mr. Bacon from Garrettsburg made a short visit to Mrs. M. A. Maxey last week.

There is a young lady and a thousand miles from the station who is turning a wonderful manager. Her collection up to the present time embraces seventy-five chickens; seventeen turkeys; three pigs; and eight scrub cats. Verily a "happy family!"

The Grangers had a big meeting and election of officers Friday last. A first class meeting was served and highly enjoyed. Quite a number of members from Church Hill Grange were present and every one had a good time.

Now that Christmas will soon be here let every one turn over a new leaf ready for next year; resolve to pay his debts, let whisky alone; stop chewing tobacco, spitting on the post office floor and ask for mail more than three times a day; be good to your wife; love your mother-in-law, and abstain from kissing the servant girl.

SALE.

On Tuesday, December 23d, 1881, I will offer for sale, at my residence, in Cooks Station, all my Household and Kitchen Furniture. Also, one saddle and harness horse, buggy and harness. Terms made known on day of sale.

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